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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6743rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Morning[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 751 (1992) and 1907 (2009) concerning Somalia and Eritrea

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6743rd meeting.

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, will take place on Monday, 2 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An interactive dialogue on "Fighting human trafficking: Partnership and innovation to end violence against women and children" will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Accreditation of National Security Personnel

Permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to submit applications for National Security Personnel to the attention of the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Pre-accreditation will be accepted for processing by the Special Services Unit (c/o Captain William Ball (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7531; room L-0113Q; fax 1 (212) 963-1833)). Applications will be received until *Friday, 25 May 2012*. From Monday, 4 June 2012 onwards, all accreditation requests must be submitted to the United Nations Security and Safety Service at the Riocentro Convention Center (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org).

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Board of Auditors
2. Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2887th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2888th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]
2. Follow-up to concluding observations on State reports and to Views under the Optional Protocol *(closed)* . . . . . [9]

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Population and Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Pio Wennubst, on behalf of the Chair, will be held *today*, 28 March 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). The consultations will begin with a presentation of the Chair's draft resolution on the special theme of the forty-fifth session, followed by an orientation on the organization of the negotiation process. The floor will be open for general comments from delegates on these matters.

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Peter Woolcott, Chair-designate of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, will take place *today*, 28 March 2012, in Conference Room B (NLB), with representatives of the States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as follows:

Group of Non-Aligned States parties (at the ambassadorial level) (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.);

Group of Western European and other States parties (from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.); and

Group of Eastern European States parties (from 4.30 to 6 p.m.).

The consultations are open to all States parties. For further information, please contact Ms. Claire Elias, Permanent Mission of Australia (e-mail claire.elias@dfat.gov.au; tel. 1 (212) 351-6622); or Mr. Michael Spies, Office for Disarmament Affairs (e-mail spiesm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3472).

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 28 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

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Wednesday, 28 March 2012

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Group of 77 (on South-South cooperation)

10 a.m.–1p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (Committee of the whole) (Twenty-sixth session)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: Working Group 4 (under the chairmanship of Egypt)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

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Informational event on "The Dublin Outcome Document on the Strengthening of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Body System (November 2011)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Ireland, Morocco, Poland, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland, with the participation of the New York Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, and in collaboration with the University of Nottingham Human Rights Law Centre)

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Orla McBreen, Permanent Mission of Ireland (e-mail orla.mcbreen@dfa.ie; tel. 1 (212) 421-6934).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Screening of the film "Slavery by another name: The re-enslavement of black people in America from the Civil War to World War II"

At 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Geraldine Harris Adams, DPI (e-mail adamsg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6981).]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon ..... Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities
Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will hold an open briefing for interested Member States, on Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

At the briefing, the Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office after twenty months of operation, and she will also describe the implementations of the new aspects of her mandate, which were strengthened, pursuant to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1989 (2011).

The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

The 2012 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 April 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the thirteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

The draft format and draft agenda of the thirteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and is posted on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs <www.un.org/Depts/los>.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus will also be posted on the Web site of the Division, as soon as available.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Annual ministerial review global preparatory meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a global preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review (AMR) at the high-level segment of its 2012 substantive session, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The Council will hear a keynote address by Professor Erik Brynjolfsson, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by a presentation by Mr. José Antonio Alonso, member of the Committee on Development Policy, and Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Promoting the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact". Panellists will include Mr. Aurelio Parisotto, Senior Economist, Policy Integration Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations, New York; Ms. Eve Crowley, Deputy Director, Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Degol Hailu, Senior Adviser, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background

information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

The general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-?505)), as of *Monday, 26 March*. In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *7 minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *10 minutes*. For general distribution of statements, delegations are requested to bring 200 copies to the conference officers in the room. A minimum of 30 copies is required for distribution to the interpreters, précis writers and the podium.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

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The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

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Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (eleventh plenary meeting) (under the chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates)

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Global student videoconference

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2, and Tuesday 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Panel discussion on "Responsibility to Protect: Looking into the Future" (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[Latin American and Caribbean States are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jorge Tagle, Permanent Mission of Chile (e-mail jtagle@minrel.gov.cl; tel. 1 (917) 322-6810).]

Panel discussion on "Good Growth and Governance in Africa: Rethinking Development Strategies" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Benin and Japan)

Monday, 9 April 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Japan (Mr. Nozomu Yamashita (e-mail nozomu.yamashita@mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1522); or Ms. Ikuko Shirai (e-mail ikuko.shirai@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1554)).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Thursday, 29 March 2012;

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 *(French)*.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012) <www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

Security Council

6742nd meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the

Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Robert Serry, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Robert Serry.

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

340th meeting

Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda of the meeting.

The situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and developments in the political process

Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, briefed on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and latest developments in the political process.

The Permanent Representatives of Iraq and Turkey and the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made statements.

Ms. Ashrawi responded to the statements.

The representatives of Indonesia, Ecuador, Morocco, Nicaragua and Pakistan made statements.

Ms. Ashrawi made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The Chair made a statement.

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Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Zimbabwe
H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

Asia-Pacific States:
Micronesia (Federated States of)
H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

Eastern European States:
Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

Western European and other States:
San Marino
H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East

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Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6744th meeting.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, will take place on Monday, 2 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 4 (NLB)*.

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An interactive dialogue on "Fighting human trafficking: Partnership and innovation to end violence against women and children" will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Accreditation of National Security Personnel

Permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to submit applications for National Security Personnel to the attention of the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Pre-accreditation will be accepted for processing by the Special Services Unit (c/o Captain William Ball (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7531; room L-0113Q; fax 1 (212) 963-1833)). Applications will be received until *Friday, 25 May 2012*. From Monday, 4 June 2012 onwards, all accreditation requests must be submitted to the United Nations Security and Safety Service at the Riocentro Convention Center (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org).

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2889th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]
2. Adoption of list of issues *(closed)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2890th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Adoption of the annual report to the General Assembly . . . . . [11]

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities
Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will hold an open briefing for interested Member States, *today*, 29 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

At the briefing, the Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office after twenty months of operation, and she will also describe the implementations of the new aspects of her mandate, which were strengthened, pursuant to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1989 (2011).

The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 29 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings to which previously convened by [illegible]

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

Thursday, 29 March 2012

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 12) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Other meetings

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Thursday, 29 March 2012

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (eleventh plenary meeting) (under the chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates)

10 a.m.–1p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Thursday, 29 March 2012

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11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Jigmi Y. Thinley, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan [*Moderator:* Ms. Deborah Seward, Department of Public Information]

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

1 p.m. . . . . Members of the Human Rights Committee (on the occasion of the conclusion of its one hundred and fourth session) [*Speakers:* Ms. Zonke Majodina; Mr. Krister Thelin; Mr. Lazhari Bouzid; and Mr. Fabian Salvioli]

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

Informal consultations

The Chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission will be holding informal consultations on Friday, 30 March 2012 at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

2012 substantive session

The 2012 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 April 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the thirteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

The draft format and draft agenda of the thirteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and is posted on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs <www.un.org/Depts/los>.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus will also be posted on the Web site of the Division, as soon as available.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Annual ministerial review global preparatory meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a global preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review (AMR) at the high-level segment of its 2012 substantive session, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The Council will hear a keynote address by Professor Erik Brynjolfsson, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by a presentation by Mr. José Antonio Alonso, member of the Committee on Development

Policy, and Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Promoting the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact". Panellists will include Mr. Aurelio Parisotto, Senior Economist, Policy Integration Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations, New York; Ms. Eve Crowley, Deputy Director, Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Degol Hailu, Senior Adviser, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council on Wednesday, 4 April 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the post-2015 development agenda.

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia) and statements will be made by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. Selim Jahan, Director of the Poverty Group, United Nations Development Programme; Professor Frances Stewart, Chair of the Committee for Development Policy; and Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, member of the Committee.

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

The general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)). In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *7 minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *10 minutes*. For general distribution of statements, delegations are requested to bring 200 copies to the conference officers in the room. A minimum of 30 copies is required for distribution to the interpreters, précis writers and the podium.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

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Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

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Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Global student videoconference

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB)*; and

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Panel discussion on "Responsibility to Protect: Looking into the Future" (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[Latin American and Caribbean States are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jorge Tagle, Permanent Mission of Chile (e-mail jtagle@minrel.gov.cl; tel. 1 (917) 322-6810).]

Special events on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day (2 April) (General Assembly resolution 62/139 (A/RES/62/139))

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the commemoration can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/autismday>.]

Panel discussion on "World Autism Awareness Day: Delivering Answers through Inclusive International Collaboration" and public unveiling of the 2012 Autism Awareness Stamps by the United Nations Postal Administration (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh and Qatar; the United States Mission; and Autism Speaks)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. Opening remarks will be delivered by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Cristina Gerlach, Department of Public Information (e-mail gerlachc@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8210).]

Multi-media presentation and discussion "Through her eyes: A view into the challenges of raising an autistic child" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel and the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 5 April 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please send an e-mail to the following address: autismday@newyork.mfa.gov.il.]

Panel discussion on "Good Growth and Governance in Africa: Rethinking Development Strategies" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Benin and Japan)

Monday, 9 April 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Japan (Mr. Nozomu Yamashita (e-mail nozomu.yamashita@mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1522); or Ms. Ikuko Shirai (e-mail ikuko.shirai@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1554)).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 29 March 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Today, 29 March 2012;

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 (*French)*.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Wednesday, 28 March 2012

Security Council

6743rd meeting

The situation in Guinea-Bissau

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Guinea-Bissau, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Joseph Mutaboba, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Ms. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti, Chair of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Brazil.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mutaboba, via teleconference from Bissau.

The Council also heard a briefing by H.E. Mrs. Viotti.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Guinea-Bissau.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendments to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. Madrid, 28 November 2003

Acceptance: Lithuania (28 March 2012)[1]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Approval: Hungary (28 March 2012)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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Micronesia (Federated States of)
H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

Eastern European States:
Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

Western European and other States:
San Marino
H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini

Security Council

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

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<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
<http://treaties.un.org/>

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<www.un.org/law/avl/>

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A/RES/66/144 — Item 67 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly — Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action [A C E F R S] — *11 pages*

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Informal Working Group on International Tribunals

10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1740th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, will take place on Monday, 2 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An interactive dialogue on "Fighting human trafficking: Partnership and innovation to end violence against women and children" will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Accreditation of National Security Personnel

Permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to submit applications for National Security Personnel to the attention of the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Pre-accreditation will be accepted for processing by the Special Services Unit (c/o Captain William Ball (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7531; room L-0113Q; fax 1 (212) 963-1833)). Applications will be received until *Friday, 25 May 2012*. From Monday, 4 June 2012 onwards, all accreditation requests must be submitted to the United Nations Security and Safety Service at the Riocentro Convention Center (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org).

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

3–6 p.m. . . . . 30th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

1. Action on all items
2. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly

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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire
2. Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee

One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2891st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [7]
2. Adoption of list of issues *(closed)*
3. Working methods

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2892nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Working methods
2. Announcement of Bureau decisions

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

Informal consultations

The Chair of the United Nations Disarmament Commission will be holding informal consultations *today*, 30 March 2012 from *9 a.m. to 1 p.m.* in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Friday, 30 March 2012

Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea matters)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Other activities

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Friday, 30 March 2012

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

Global student videoconference

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Friday, 30 March 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

10 a.m. . . . . Launch the 2012 United Nations Autism Awareness Stamps [*Speakers:* Mr. David Failor, Chief, United Nations Postal Administration; and Ms. Rorie Katz, Head of Graphic Design, United Nations Postal Administration]

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

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Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Informal briefing

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, H.E. Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri (India), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Mr. Mike Smith, will hold an informal briefing to interested Member States on recent developments in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED. The briefing will take place on Monday, 9 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Following the briefing, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate will provide a thematic presentation on "Developments in the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) in West Africa".

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

The 2012 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 April 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the thirteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

The draft format and draft agenda of the thirteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and is posted on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs <www.un.org/Depts/los>.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus will also be posted on the Web site of the Division, as soon as available.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Annual ministerial review global preparatory meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a global preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review (AMR) at the high-level segment of its 2012 substantive session, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The Council will hear a keynote address by Professor Erik Brynjolfsson, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by a presentation by Mr. José Antonio Alonso, member of the Committee for Development Policy, and Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Promoting the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact". Panellists will include Mr. Aurelio Parisotto, Senior Economist, Policy Integration Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations, New York; Ms. Eve Crowley, Deputy Director, Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Degol Hailu, Senior Adviser, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the following Web site <www.un.org/en/ecosoc> or contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council on Wednesday, 4 April 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the post-2015 development agenda.

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia) and statements will be made by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. Selim Jahan, Director of the Poverty Group, United Nations Development Programme; Professor Frances Stewart, Chair of the Committee for Development Policy; and Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, member of the Committee.

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Informal consultations

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal consultations on the themes for the humanitarian affairs segment and the Council event to discuss the issue of the transition from relief to development of the 2012 substantive session of the Council. The informal consultations will be co-chaired by the vice-presidencies of Spain and Indonesia, and will take place on Monday, 9 April 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

The general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)). In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *7 minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *10 minutes*. For general distribution of statements, delegations are requested to bring 200 copies to the conference officers in the room. A minimum of 30 copies is required for distribution to the interpreters, précis writers and the podium.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold an informal briefing on Rio+20, on Tuesday, 10 April 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

There will be an informal consultation on the UNDP programming arrangements on Tuesday, 10 April 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Another informal consultation on the annual report of the UNDP Administrator on preliminary results trends for 2011 will be held on Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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High level panel discussion on the theme "Happiness and well-being" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bhutan)

Monday, 2 April 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB)[1];

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB); and

Wednesday, 4 April 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All members of permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Yeshey Dorji, Permanent Mission of Bhutan (e-mail yesheydpenjo@gmail.com; tel. 1 (347) 821-2697).]

[1]Overflow room: Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB); and

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Panel discussion on "Responsibility to Protect: Looking into the Future" (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[Latin American and Caribbean States are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Jorge Tagle, Permanent Mission of Chile (e-mail jtagle@minrel.gov.cl; tel. 1 (917) 322-6810).]

Special events on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day (2 April) (General Assembly resolution 62/139 (A/RES/62/139))

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the commemoration can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/autismday>.]

Panel discussion on "World Autism Awareness Day: Delivering Answers through Inclusive International Collaboration" and public unveiling of the 2012 Autism Awareness Stamps by the United Nations Postal Administration (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh and Qatar; the United States Mission; and Autism Speaks)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. Opening remarks will be delivered by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Cristina Gerlach, Department of Public Information (e-mail gerlachc@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8210).]

Multi-media presentation and discussion "Through her eyes: A view into the challenges of raising an autistic child" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel and the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 5 April 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please send an e-mail to the following address: autismday@newyork.mfa.gov.il.]

Panel discussion in commemoration of World Health Day 2012 (7 April) on Ageing and Health — "Good health adds life to years" (organized by the World Health Organization (WHO))

Wednesday, April 4 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Angelica Spraggins, WHO Office at the United Nations (e-mail aspraggins@whoun.org; tel. 1 (646) 626-6050).]

Presentation by the Small Five Group (S-5) of the draft resolution on "Improving the working methods of the Security Council" (under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Singapore and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Christine Crevoisier, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail christine.crevoisier@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (917) 289-9852).]

Panel discussion on "Good Growth and Governance in Africa: Rethinking Development Strategies" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Benin and Japan)

Monday, 9 April 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Japan (Mr. Nozomu Yamashita (e-mail nozomu.yamashita@mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1522); or Ms. Ikuko Shirai (e-mail ikuko.shirai@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1554)).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 *(French)*.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week*

before the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 29 March 2012

Security Council

6744th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Yemen, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/8).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Yemen.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 20 December 1988

Notifications under articles 7 (8) and 17 (7): Liechtenstein (29 March 2012)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Notification under article 18 (13): Armenia (26 March 2012)[1]

Notification under article 18 (13): Liechtenstein (29 March 2012)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Notification under article 8 (6): Liechtenstein (29 March 2012)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Zimbabwe
H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

Asia-Pacific States:
Micronesia (Federated States of)
H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

Eastern European States:
Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

Western European and other States:
San Marino
H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

Security Council
<www.un.org/Docs/sc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
<www.un.org/sc/1540/>

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
<http://treaties.un.org/>

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
<www.un.org/law/avl/>

Dag Hammarskjöld Library
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International Court of Justice
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	Sixty-seventh session
A/67/6 (Prog.26)	Item 131 of the preliminary list — Programme planning — Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 — Part two: biennial programme plan — Programme 26 — Internal oversight [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*
A/67/71	Item 56 of the preliminary list — Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
	Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
A/AC.109/2012/13	Guam — Working paper prepared by the Secretariat [A C E F R S] — *15 pages*

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S/2012/183	Letter dated 23 March 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/2012/184	Letter dated 28 March 2012 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *1 page*
S/Agenda/6743	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Eleventh session

E/C.19/2012/10 Item 9 of the provisional agenda — Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues — Indigenous participatory mechanisms in the Arctic Council, the Circumpolar Inuit Declaration on Resource Development Principles in Inuit Nunaat and the Laponia management system — Note by the secretariat [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*

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Monday, 2 April 2012

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Middle East (Syria)

Other matters

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An interactive dialogue on "Fighting human trafficking: Partnership and innovation to end violence against women and children" will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 February 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of April 2012 (United States) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

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United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, *has been postponed* to Friday, 20 April 2012, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible,* their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN-0613A). For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

Accreditation of National Security Personnel

Permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to submit applications for National Security Personnel to the attention of the Department of Safety and Security in New York. Pre-accreditation will be accepted for processing by the Special Services Unit (c/o Captain William Ball (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7531; room L-0113Q; fax 1 (212) 963-1833)). Applications will be received until *Friday, 25 May 2012.* From Monday, 4 June 2012 onwards, all accreditation requests must be submitted to the United Nations Security and Safety Service at the Riocentro Convention Center (e-mail uncsdsecurity@un.org).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

3–6 p.m. . . . . 30th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

1. Action on all items
2. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 319th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Statement by the President of the General Assembly
2. Statement by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
3. Statement by the Chair
4. Adoption of the agenda (A/CN.10/L.67)
5. Organization of work
6. General debate

3–6 p.m. . . . . 320th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

General debate *(continued)*

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

Executive meeting

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *Monday, 2 April 2012*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Monday, 2 April 2012

Group of 77 (on the consideration of the draft resolution "Questions related to information")

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E (NLB)

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Monday, 2 April 2012

High level panel discussion on the theme "Happiness and well-being" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bhutan)

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB)[1].

[All members of permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Yeshey Dorji, Permanent Mission of Bhutan (e-mail yesheydpenjo@gmail.com; tel. 1 (347) 821-2697).]

[1]Overflow room: Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Special event on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day (2 April) (General Assembly resolution 62/139 (A/RES/62/139))

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the commemoration can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/autismday>.]

Screening of the film "A Mother's Courage: Talking Back to Autism" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Iceland, the Department of Public Information and the Golden Hat Foundation)

At 6 p.m., at the Express Bar (General Assembly Building).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Thorvardur Thorsson, Permanent Mission of Iceland (e-mail th@mfa.is).]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

Monday, 2 April 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Second floor stakeout (NLB)

4.15 p.m.[1] . . . . . Ms. María Emma Mejía, Secretary-General of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)

[1]Approximately.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Informal briefing

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, H.E. Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri (India), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Mr. Mike Smith, will hold an informal briefing to interested Member States on recent developments in the work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee and CTED. The briefing will take place on Monday, 9 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Following the briefing, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate will provide a thematic presentation on "Developments in the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) in West Africa".

General Assembly

United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea
Informal preparatory meeting

An informal preparatory meeting for the thirteenth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will be held on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

The draft format and draft agenda of the thirteenth meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, as well as draft areas of concentration for the discussion panel, which addresses the topic of focus of the meeting, have been recently forwarded via e-mail to all permanent missions and is posted on the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs <www.un.org/Depts/los>.

The advance and unedited reporting material on the topic of focus will also be posted on the Web site of the Division, as soon as available.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly,

any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Annual ministerial review global preparatory meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a global preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review (AMR) at the high-level segment of its 2012 substantive session, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The Council will hear a keynote address by Professor Erik Brynjolfsson, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and then presentations by the following members of the Committee for Development Policy: Mr. José Antonio Alonso, Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid; and Ms. Amina Mama, Director of the Women and Gender Studies Programme, University of California (Davis campus) and Chair of the Board of Directors, Global Fund for Women.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Promoting the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact". Panellists will be Mr. Aurelio Parisotto, Senior Economist, Policy Integration Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations, New York; Ms. Eve Crowley, Deputy Director, Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Degol Hailu, Senior Adviser, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please visit the following Web site <www.un.org/en/ecosoc> or contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council on Wednesday, 4 April 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), on the post-2015 development agenda.

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia) and statements will be made by Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. Selim Jahan, Director of the Poverty Group, United Nations Development Programme; Professor Frances Stewart, Chair of the Committee for Development Policy; and Professor Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, member of the Committee.

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Informal consultations

The Economic and Social Council will hold informal consultations on the themes for the humanitarian affairs segment and the Council event to discuss the issue of the transition from relief to development of the 2012 substantive session of the Council. The informal consultations will be co-chaired by the vice-presidencies of Spain and Indonesia, and will take place on Monday, 9 April 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Pio Wennubst, on behalf of the Chair, will be held on Thursday, 19, and Friday, 20 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

The general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the speakers list for item 4 or other items are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)). In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *7 minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *10 minutes*. For general distribution of statements, delegations are requested to bring 200 copies to the conference officers in the room. A minimum of 30 copies is required for distribution to the interpreters, précis writers and the podium.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold an informal briefing on Rio+20, on Tuesday, 10 April 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

There will be an informal consultation on the UNDP programming arrangements on Tuesday, 10 April 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Another informal consultation on the annual report of the UNDP Administrator on preliminary results trends for 2011 will be held on Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Friends of the Central African Republic

Thursday, 5 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

Tuesday, 10 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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High level panel discussion on the theme "Happiness and well-being" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bhutan)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB); and

Wednesday, 4 April 2012, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All members of permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Yeshey Dorji, Permanent Mission of Bhutan (e-mail yesheydpenjo@gmail.com; tel. 1 (347) 821-2697).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Panel discussion on "Responsibility to Protect: Looking into the Future" (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[The panel is only open to Latin American and Caribbean States. For further information, please contact Mr. Jorge Tagle, Permanent Mission of Chile (e-mail jtagle@minrel.gov.cl; tel. 1 (917) 322-6810).]

Presentation on "Programme Outline for the Caribbean" (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

[All members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Piero Bonadeo, UNODC (e-mail bonadeo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5634).]

Special events on the occasion of World Autism Awareness Day (2 April) (General Assembly resolution 62/139 (A/RES/62/139))

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the commemoration can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/autismday>.]

Panel discussion on "World Autism Awareness Day: Delivering Answers through Inclusive International Collaboration" and public unveiling of the 2012 Autism Awareness Stamps by the United Nations Postal Administration (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh and Qatar; the United States Mission; and Autism Speaks)

Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. Opening remarks will be delivered by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly. For registration and further information, please contact Ms. Cristina Gerlach, Department of Public Information (e-mail gerlachc@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-8210).]

Multi-media presentation and discussion "Through her eyes: A view into the challenges of raising an autistic child" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Israel and the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 5 April 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration and further information, please send an e-mail to the following address: autismday@newyork.mfa.gov.il.]

Panel discussion in commemoration of World Health Day 2012 (7 April) on Ageing and Health — "Good health adds life to years" (organized by the World Health Organization (WHO))

Wednesday, April 4 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Angelica Spraggins, WHO Office at the United Nations (e-mail aspraggins@whoun.org; tel. 1 (646) 626-6050).]

Presentation by the Small Five Group (S-5) of the draft resolution on "Improving the working methods of the Security Council" (under agenda item 117 (Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit)) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Singapore and Switzerland)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[All members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Christine Crevoisier, Permanent Mission of Switzerland (e-mail christine.crevoisier@eda.admin.ch; tel. 1 (917) 289-9852).]

Panel discussion on "Good Growth and Governance in Africa: Rethinking Development Strategies" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Benin and Japan)

Monday, 9 April 2012, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Japan (Mr. Nozomu Yamashita (e-mail nozomu.yamashita@mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1522); or Ms. Ikuko Shirai (e-mail ikuko.shirai@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1554)).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
First session
United Nations Office at Vienna

The first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from Monday, 30 April, to Friday, 11 May 2012, in Conference Room M1, United Nations Office at Vienna.

A general debate on issues related to all aspects of the work of the Preparatory Committee will be held on Monday, 30 April, and on Wednesday, 2 May 2012. There will be no official meeting on Tuesday, 1 May, official holiday. The list of speakers for the general debate will be open on Thursday, 5 April, from 10 a.m. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the

secretariat of the Preparatory Committee from that date (Mr. Hong Tan, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; room DN-3501B; fax 1 (917) 367-1767).

Members of delegations who are not already accredited to the United Nations Office at Vienna are requested to fill in the registration form annexed to "Information for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations" (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/INF/2*), and return it to the secretariat (Mr. Hong Tan), by no later than Monday, 16 April.

States parties are also kindly requested to provide, in writing, the composition of their delegations at the session, as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 16 April, to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Thomas Markram, UNODA (Room DN-3506, United Nations, New York, NY 10017); or to the NPT Secretariat (fax 1 (917) 367-1767). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the information containing the names of representatives be provided in Microsoft Word or compatible format to Ms. Bertha Ortiz by e-mail (ortiz1@un.org), as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 16 April.

Further information for participants is contained in the Information Note (NPT/CONF.2015/PC.I/INF/2*) and is also available on the Web site of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 NPT Review Conference <www.un.org/disarmament/WMD/Nuclear/NPT2015/PrepCom2012>.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 *(French)*.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

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Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to*

a meeting. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Ratification: Bosnia and Herzegovina (30 March 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Mourad Benmehidi

Asia-Pacific States:
Mongolia
H.E. Ms. Enkhtsetseg Ochir

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Boyan Nedialkov Belev
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Guatemala
H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal

Western European and other States:
Sweden
H.E. Mr. Mårten Grunditz

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Communications to the President of the Security Council

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Web site of the presidency

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Department of Political Affairs
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Presidency of the Security Council
<www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
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<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

Office for Disarmament Affairs
<www.un.org/disarmament/>

United Nations Treaty Collection
<http://treaties.un.org/>

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law
<www.un.org/law/avl/>

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<www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp>

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